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RECARDING THE CIVIL DEFENSE OF THE UNION OF SSR's

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national defensive measures undertaken in advance in peacetime with the aim of protecting the population and the national economy from missile-nuclear, chemical, and bacteriological weapons, and also for carrying out rescue and urgent emergency-reconstruction work at centers of devastation during the "Special Period".

The "Special Period" in the country is proclaimed by decision of the Council of Ministers of the USSR. In the event of a sudden attack by the enemy, the civil defense plans are brought into effect immediately by decision of the Chiefs of Civil Defense of the Union Republics.

- 2. The main tasks of civil defense are:
  - a) Universal compulsory training of the population of the country in methods of defense against missile-nuclear, chemical, and bacteriological weapons, and action for the elimination of the effects of the enemy attack;
  - b) Carrying out measures for increasing the stability of the work of industrial, power, transport, and communications enterprises during the "Special Period";
  - c) Carrying out rescue and urgent emergency-reconstruction work in centers of devastation and assisting the affected population;

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- d) Carrying out measures to ensure the protection of animals, plants, provisions, unprocessed foods, water, and forage from bacteriological, radioactive, and chemical contamination, and also measures for eliminating the effects of contamination;
- e) Organization of a warning and communications system;
- f) Working out plans for the evacuation from large towns of organizations and institutions that are not essential for the existence of these towns, and for the evacuation of the population incapable of work and children during the "Special Period", as well as carrying out other measures to ensure protection of the population;
- Creation and training of civil defense forces in towns, villages, and installations of the national economy.
- 3. The scope and time limits for carrying out civil defense measures in towns and other centers of population are determined by the Council of Ministers of the USSR and the Councils of Ministers of the Union Republics in accordance with their administrative-political, economic, and defensive significance. For this purpose large administrative centers and large industrial cities are divided into cities of the Special, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, groups for civil defense, and the most important installations of the national economy into installations of special importance and the 1st and 2nd category.

The placing of cities into the above-mentioned groups is carried out by the Council of Ministers of the USSR on the recommendation of the Councils of Ministers of the Union Republics in coordination with the Ministry of Defense of the USSR, the Chief of Civil Defense of the USSR, and the State Planning Committee of the USSR.

The placing of installations of the national economy in categories is done by the Councils of Ministers of Union Republics, ministries and departments of the USSR in coordination with the Staff of the Civil Defense of the USSR.

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## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

## OF CIVIL DEFENSE

4. General direction of the civil defense of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is exercised by the Council of Ministers of the USSR. Day to day management is exercised by the Chief of Civil Defense of the USSR, under whom there is a staff of civil defense of the Union of SSR's.

The most important questions concerning civil defense are studied by the Defense Council (Soviet Oborony) of the USSR.

The Chief of Civil Defense of the USSR is responsible for:

- a) Ensuring constant readiness of the forces and means of civil defense of the USSR for operations in the event of an enemy attack;
- b) Organization of control of civil defense;
- c) Organization of execution of combat training of the personnel of staffs, engineer-antichemical units, services, non-military formations and institutions of civil defense, and also the rendering of assistance in the organization and execution of universal compulsory training of the population;
- d) Working out plans for the civil defense of the USSR and guiding scientific-research work concerning questions of civil defense;
- e) Circulation of information regarding civil defense experience and the publication of directives, guides, instructions, the classified journal "Civil Defense of the USSR", programs and teaching aids.

The orders of the Chief of Civil Defense on questions of civil defense must be obeyed by all chiefs of civil defense, ministries, departments, councils of national economy and organizations.

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